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MEMORANDUM FOR: COINS PMO

VIA:

Chairman, Intelligence Information
Handling Committee

FROM:

Vice Chairman, Intelligence Information
Handling Committee

SUBJECT: Joint Organization for Intelligence Networks -
JOIN

1. We have received the draft charter for JOIN. I heartily endorse the concept of the establishment of a formal organization for the purposes set forth in the draft charter. The IHC staff will be happy to participate. We are particularly pleased that the continued development of the COINS DODIIS interface plan with support to Phase II of the CIRS plan and the development of an internetwork security plan are included as a significant portion of the tasks stated for the organization.

2. As you are aware, the IHC has organized a CIRS Security Working Group and has asked both the COINS PMO and DIA to participate. This group will continue to identify the minimum level of agreed upon security protection that must be implemented by the various components involved in the CIRS plan. We anticipate that there will be close coordination between the CIRS Security Working Group and JOIN and that JOIN will be primarily concerned with the details of the implementation of the security policies and procedures by the COINS and DODIIS network as they are developed by the CIRS working group for approval by the IHC. We all recognize that, at present, the problems of internetwork security are not well understood and that it will require substantial additional work and study in order that these problems can be adequately addressed and resolved.

3. It is also important that a central repository for network planning and standards documentation be established, that adopted standards be placed under configuration control, and that published standards be incorporated in a central on-line file on COINS for ready access and ease of incorporation of approved changes.

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4. While I realize that the tasks as stated for the organization and the amount of support which will be required to be supplied by the COINS PMO are already substantial, I believe that it would be extremely useful for all concerned if the inventory of documentation which will be maintained could be expanded to include pertinent documentation on related developments outside the COINS/DODIIS arena. Therefore, I would like to suggest that the group consider amending the draft charter, either now or in the future, by changing the wording of paragraph 7, subparagraph "m," to read as follows:

m. Maintain an inventory of all documentation being managed by JOIN, including that being prepared, that being coordinated, and that which has been concurred in by all organizations concerned. The inventory will also include appropriate available documentation on plans for, and standards and technology being developed for or used in connection with other packet switched networks. Member organizations will be responsible for providing copies of all such documentation as it becomes available.

5. [redacted] Vice Chairman. IHC. is hereby designated the IHC staff representative to JOIN and [redacted] as alternate [redacted] [redacted] should participate in all meetings and activities related to security.

6. We will appreciate being furnished copies of all comments received concerning JOIN.

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